

REMARKS

Claims 30-58 are pending. Claims 30-58 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

I. Claims 30-49 are said to be drawn to Multilayer Mats and Devices Using the Mats, classified in Class 422, subclass 179;

II. Claims 50-58 are said to be drawn to Method of Making the Multilayer Mat, classified in Class 29, subclass 890;

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I, with traverse. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

The Restriction Requirement states, on page 2, that the restriction is proper because "the product as claimed can be made by different method." It is respectfully submitted that this statement is not correct. A comparison of claim 30, directed to the multilayer mat, and claim 50, a method of forming a multilayer mat, reveals that, except for the method claim reciting that the intumescent layer is provided and the first non-intumescent layer is positioned, claims 30 and 50 are almost identical. It is submitted, accordingly, that the product recited in claim 30 cannot be made by a method different than that recited in claim 50. As a result, this restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I with traverse. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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